

Call for Proposals

18th Annual Children's Network Conference

Join us at the Ontario
Convention Center!

The success of the
Annual Conference
depends on your active
participation! Come
share your expertise,
successes and new
ventures with your
colleagues.

**“Connecting the Pieces:
Family Violence, Substance
Abuse and Children At-Risk”
September 29 & 30, 2004**

*Your Deadline to Submit a Proposal is
February 27, 2004*



For questions, please contact the Children's Network at (909) 387-8966

Special Keynote: Dr. Ira Chasnoff



Dr. Ira Chasnoff is one of the nation's leading researchers in the field of maternal drug and alcohol abuse during pregnancy and the effects on the newborn infant and child. Dr. Chasnoff is President of the Children's Research Triangle and a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, in Chicago.

He is also involved in research which will evaluate the impact of concurrent planning on

permanency placement of children in foster care.

Ira J. Chasnoff, M.D. received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas and served a pediatric residency at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Northwestern University, in Chicago.

Dr. Chasnoff has worked in the area of child health and development for the past 26 years and has served as principal investigator on a number of longitudinal studies funded through the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the Administration for Children and Families, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Health Care Financing Administration, the United States Department of Education, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Chasnoff was principal investigator on a 12-year

longitudinal prospective study of the developmental effects of fetal exposure to alcohol and illicit drugs, and he has conducted a five year, randomized study comparing the effectiveness of outpatient vs. residential treatment for pregnant substance abusers. Recently, Children's Research Triangle under Dr. Chasnoff's leadership was named by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as one of five national centers to develop treatment strategies for children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

From this extensive research and clinical experience, Dr. Chasnoff has published over 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals and served on the editorial board of several major scientific journals. In addition, Dr. Chasnoff has published six books, the most recent of which is *The Nature of Nurture: Biology, Environment, and the Drug-Exposed*.

About the Conference

The Children's Network of San Bernardino County concerns itself with "children at risk" who are defined as minors who, because of behavior, abuse, neglect, medical needs, educational assessment, and/or detrimental daily living situation, are eligible for services from one or more of the constituent agencies of the Children's Network. A variety of public and private agencies deliver a broad and occasionally confusing and sometimes, inadequate array of direct services to these children.

The overall goal of the Children's Network is to help "children at risk" by improving communication, planning, coordination and cooperation among youth serving agencies; identifying gaps and overlaps in services; providing a forum for clarifying perceptions and expectations among agencies and between agencies and the community; setting priorities for interagency projects; and implementing collaborative programs, public and private, to better serve children and youth.

2004 will mark the 18th annual conference. Professionals from the following fields have consistently attended this conference, making the event one of the Inland Empire's premier training conferences for Human Services professionals:

- Social workers / Child Welfare Professionals
- Teachers and School Administrators
- Parents and Volunteers
- Counselors and Child Advocates
- Health Care and Mental Health Professionals
- Law Enforcement and Safety Personnel
- Parents, Foster Parents and Kinship Providers
- Family Law Community
- Case Managers and Child Care Workers
- Child Abuse Prevention Councils
- Board Members / Public Officials
- Clergy and Faith-Based Organizations

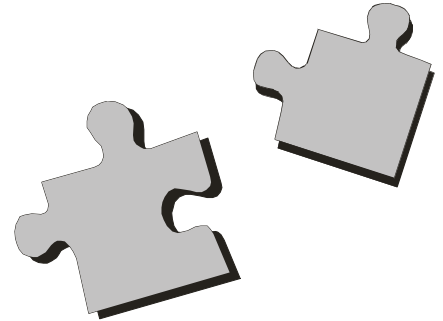
All individuals who serve children and families!

Call for Proposals

Each year, the Children's Network annual conference brings together hundreds of professionals in the Human Services, Safety, Law Enforcement and Education fields to improve services to children and families.

The Children's Network invites Presenters to submit workshops on one of the following topics:

- Child Protection/Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Child and At-Risk Youth Issues: Medical, Psychological, Behavioral, Learning, Social, Transitioning
- Youth Violence/Substance Abuse Treatment
- Law Enforcement/Legal Issues/Conflict Resolutions
- Mandated Reporting/Advocacy Issues and Strategies
- Professional Development/Organizational Development/Training
- Kinship Care/Guardianship/Reunification/Adoption
- Family Strengths/Fatherhood Initiatives
- Culture, Ethnicity and Race
- Community Resources/Model Programs/Collaborative Partnerships
- Child Development/Education/Learning Disabilities
- Creative Funding and Grant-Writing
- Research: Lessons Learned, Recommendations, Data / Assessment Tools
- Legislation and Policy: Federal, State, Local
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Presentation Submission Guidelines

The following items must be submitted by **February 27, 2004**: Remember to complete and submit all items to have your submission considered. You may e-mail, fax or mail in your proposal.

- ☒ **Presentation Description**
- ☒ **Presentation Abstract**
- ☒ **Lead Presenter and Co-Presenter Biography**
- ☒ **Lead Presenter and Co-Presenter Resume or Curriculum Vita**

Submission Address

Children's Network
Call for Proposals—18th Annual Conference
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0049

Notification

Notification of whether your proposal has been selected and all subsequent correspondence will be sent only to the Primary Presenter. It is the responsibility of the Primary Presenter to inform any other Presenters of all written and oral communications.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected on their relevance to the conference theme, engaging format, style, clarity, content, originality, ability to be replicated, cultural competence and interest to the target audience. Special attention will be given to ensuring cultural and geographical diversity and public and private agency representation. Presentations that highlight effective program models, allow for audience interaction, showcase public/private partnerships, excellence in training programs, interdisciplinary models, creative policy strategies and approaches that provide participants with information and guidance to support their work in the field, are desired.

Presentation Description (300 words maximum)

Please provide/attach a typed detailed description of your presentation. The summary should clearly include:

- ☒ Presentation goals/desired outcomes
- ☒ Presentation learning objectives
- ☒ Comprehensive logical outline/overview of agenda
- ☒ Relevance to the conference attendees/targeted audience
- ☒ Level of knowledge needed (basic vs. professional)
- ☒ Presentation methods/format (lecture, discussion, group exercises, hands-on activities, role-play, questions & answers, degree of participant involvement)
- ☒ Description of materials distributed
- ☒ Post-test (Optional)
- ☒ Handout materials (Due by July 1, 2004)
- ☒ Bibliography (Optional)

Please include any multi-media enhancements you use in your workshop. Accounts of this or similar presentations you have delivered may also be helpful.

Presentation Abstract (80 words maximum)

Please provide/attach a typed brief, but comprehensive, description of the proposed presentation suitable for publication in the conference registration brochure and the conference program. This description may be edited for consistent style and space. The description should clearly state the:

- ☒ Topic
- ☒ Presentation learning objectives/goals
- ☒ Content
- ☒ Presentation methods/format

Please make it engaging, participatory and informative! Conference participants are interested in knowing the level of knowledge/skill needed.

Multiple Proposals

Presenters are encouraged to submit more than one proposal, in any area of expertise.

Workshop Length

All workshops will be approximately 60 minutes in length.

Workshop Format

You are encouraged to use an appropriate variety of teaching methods!

- Panel / Presentation
- Interactive Presentation
- Skill-Building Training

Intended Audience

Please indicate the intended audience that your presentation targets.

Handouts

You will be required to provide written materials for your workshop. The Children's Network Conference Committee will reproduce all copies for you free of charge, providing that they are submitted within the timeframes given. Your handouts will be included in a resource book/CD-ROM which will be given to all attendees. Handouts must be submitted electronically in MS Word or PowerPoint programs.



Presenter Information

Lead Presenter Information

Name	
Title	
Degree/License/Certificate	
Organization/Agency	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
E-Mail	
Previous Children's Network Conference Presenter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, which year(s)? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No

Additional Presenter Information (List any other presenters on a separate piece of paper with same contact information)

Name	
Title	
Degree/License/Certificate	
Organization/Agency	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
E-Mail	
Previous Children's Network Conference Presenter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, which year(s)? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No

Lead Presenter Biography - Expertise and professional activities of Lead Presenter (1/2 Page maximum)

Please include information about current and past positions and experience in your field of expertise. Also include information about previous presentations at similar conferences. Attach current biographical summary, resume or Curriculum Vita.

Additional Presenter Biography - Expertise and professional activities of Additional Presenter (1/2 Page maximum)

Please include information about current and past positions and experience in your field of expertise. Also include information about previous presentations at similar conferences. Attach current biographical summary/resume or Curriculum Vita.

Registration

Compensation for workshop presenters will be in the form of a complimentary conference registration for up to two (2) presenters only. Additional presenters will be required to register for the conference at the published rate.

Conference Workshop Categories (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Law Enforcement/Family Violence
- ☐ Community Resources
- ☐ Cultural Competence
- ☐ Counseling/Intervention Strategies
- ☐ Child Development and Education
- ☐ Professional Development
- ☐ Parenting
- ☐ Other _____

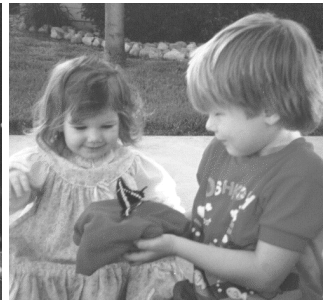
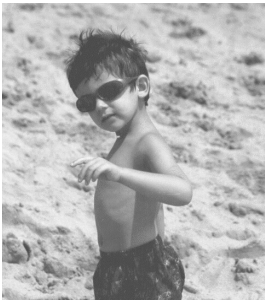
Audio/Visual Requests (check all that apply)

Note: This is a request only. You will be notified whether the equipment can be reserved for you. Please help us control costs by requesting only necessary items. Notify us ASAP if your plans or needs change. Due to increased costs, last minute audio-visual requests cannot be granted.

- ☐ Flip Chart
- ☐ Overhead Projector
- ☐ VHS Player and Monitor
- ☐ LCD Projector
- ☐ Laptop Computer
- ☐ Internet Connection
- ☐ CD Player
- ☐ Other _____

Room Size and Room Set-up Preferences

Rooms are set up in theater or classroom style. If you have special needs and require a different room set-up, please let us know. Classroom size will vary from approximately 30 - 50 participants.



Volunteers

Help us make next year's event even better!! If you are interested in volunteering at the 18th Annual Children's Network Conference on September 30, 2004, please check our website at www.sbcounty.gov/childnet for an application after the first of the year, or for more information please contact the Children's Network at (909) 387-8966.

Exhibitor/Resource Tables

Thank you to all the organizations who showed interest in exhibiting during our 17th Annual Children's Network Conference. Professionals from fields such as education, medicine, social work, nursing, law enforcement, safety, childcare and counseling are among those who make the Children's Network conference #1 on their calendars every year. The diversity of this audience provides a panorama of potential customers and clients for each and every exhibitor.

If you are looking for an extremely economical and effective way to attract the attention of our attendees, the Resource Tables are for you. Our attendees can browse your materials between workshops, and take them to share with their colleagues and clients.

Due to the overwhelming response to the 2003 event, we will be expanding our exhibitor/resource capacity. Don't miss out!! If you are interested in being an exhibitor during the 2004 conference and would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Children's Network at (909) 387-8966 or go online at www.sbcounty.gov/childnet and fill out the online form.

It is our hope that you will join us for this fun, informative event in Ontario in September 2004. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sponsors

Help us grow this well-respected regional conference to make it the most successful one ever! If you are interested in joining our sponsors, please select a level of sponsorship or an event / item that best fits your organization's focus.

Levels of Corporate Sponsorship

Presenting Sponsor (example: Announcing the Children's Network 18th Annual Conference, presented by Your Company)	\$50,000	This package includes ten (10) conference registrations
Featured Sponsor	\$20,000	This package includes seven (7) conference registrations
Corporate Sponsor	\$10,000	This package includes Five (5) conference registrations
Blue Ribbon Partner	\$5,000	This package includes three (3) conference registrations
Partner Agency / Business	\$1,000 - \$5,000	This package includes an Exhibitor booth, Resource Table or conference registration, depending on availability.

There are many other opportunities for sponsorship, please contact the Children's Network for more information at (909) 387-8966.



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